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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 22, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2001 for which the three-month date for response is August 22, 2001.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0011.NPUS00.